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London, Jan. 2, 10.05 p. m.—Russia's campaign in Bessarabia continues to be the most important visible war activity. From the Pripet to the Rumanian frontier, over a front of at least 300 miles, a huge Russian force with a great appearance of confidence is hurrying along, pushing before it all opposing forces, which, according to all accounts, totals at least a million and a half men.

Russian Successes.
Petrograd still claims considerable successes in the early stages of the campaign, and despatches emphasize the excellent equipment, supplies and munitions which Russia laid up for this purpose, during a period of comparative passivity.

Some London observers, speculating on the meaning of the Bessarabia move, call it as one of the most ambitious strategic plans since the beginning of hostilities and predict that it will prove a colossal attempt to break the backbone of the German allies whose line across the Balkans. Thus one critic says:

Allies to Meet in Balkans.
"The plan is that Russia and the other allies, moving from different sides, shall meet in the Balkans and gain complete mastery of that peninsula. If they succeed, Turkey will be subdued, and the title of Austria-Hungary menaced."

So long as Russia keeps up her present activity, most of the world's opinion, in the Balkans, the attitude of Rumania will continue to grow in importance. There have been many suggestions in the entire capitals that Rumania was about to enter the war on the side of the allies, but nothing to support this yet been heard from credible Rumanian sources.

Teutonic Aeroplanes Fly Over Greece.
Meanwhile, in the south of the Balkan peninsula, the allies have been expected in making various diplomatic protests, followed up by hostile protest to the central powers against their aeroplanes flying across Greek territory, in raiding and killing a Greek shepherd and a few sheep.

Sinking of Steamship Persia.
The sinking of the steamship Persia, with the death of an American consular officer, brings up in the European capitals the familiar query as to what the United States will do now.

Despatches from English correspondents picture the sinking of the Persia as a particularly aggravated case, owing to the fact that the ship was not only hit without warning, but opportunity for the passengers to escape, but was also hit in a most vital part, so that the sinking was immediately the whole time from the launching of the torpedo to the disappearance of the liner being only five minutes.

Cabled Paragraphs

Rev. Mr. Aked Rejoins Peace Party.
Copenhagen, via London, Jan. 2. m.—The Rev. Charles F. Aked, who has been suffering from a slight attack of influenza, has rejoined the party.

King Peter Said to Be at Saloniki.
London, Jan. 2, 11.20 a. m.—King Peter of Serbia, who reached Italy last week from Albania, is said by Reuters Athens correspondent to have arrived at Saloniki on a French battleship.

Break in British Cabinet.
London, Jan. 3, 3 a. m.—The Chronicle announces definitely that Sir John A. Simon, secretary of state for home affairs, retires from the cabinet, "thus breaking the brilliant ministerial career for conscience sake."

BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR BUSINESS IN THIS COUNTRY.
Striking Contrast With Conditions Prevailing a Year Ago.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Bright prospects for business throughout the country in striking contrast with conditions at this time a year ago, are pictured in statistics and standards committee report made public tonight by the chamber of commerce of the United States.

"There are localities in which much caution and conservatism still obtain," says the report, "and influence of high prices for the future further accentuates this caution, because dealers feel that high prices will curtail business by the consumer. Broadly speaking, it may be said that the spirit of optimism and hopefulness prevails to a degree that has not been apparent for nearly a decade, and the general belief and expectation is for such prosperity during 1916 as will recompense the people of this country for all their past misfortunes."

Montenegro Issues an Official Communication.
Tells of Repulse of Enemy and the Capture of Horses and Munitions.

Paris, Jan. 1, 10.20 p. m.—An official Montenegrin communication, given out here tonight, follows: "The Montenegrins, on the northern front on Dec. 30, there were engagements with artillery."

Pope Benedict Congratulates Cardinal Diomedio Falconio Upon the Fifth Anniversary of His Ordination to Priesthood.
Rome, Jan. 2.—Pope Benedict has sent a message of congratulation to Cardinal Diomedio Falconio, the former apostolic delegate to the United States, on the fifth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, which took place in the cathedral at Buffalo, N. Y. The pontiff adds to his congratulations the following words for the United States:

"It is reported here that Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, is again expected in Rome if he can obtain a solute guarantee that Germany will not prevent his return to Belgium."

RUMOR OF TEUTONIC ADVANCE INTO GREECE.
Morgen Post Publishes Report That Order Has Been Given.

Berlin, Jan. 2, via London, 12.05 a. m.—The Morgen Post today publishes a report that orders have been given to the German and Austrian troops in the Balkans to advance into Greece and attack the French at Saloniki. A Bulgarian despatch to the Morgen Post states this statement to the Outo of Sofia.

PAN-AMERICANS LISTEN TO SERMON ON UNITY.
Delegates With Wives and Daughters Attend St. Patrick's Church.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Visiting members of the Pan-American scientific congress with their wives and daughters, and the Latin-American diplomatic corps listened today to a sermon on the unity of thought and interests in Pan-America at St. Patrick's church by Father Curran, pastor of the church.

AGED SIOUX INDIAN CHIEF SLASHES THROAT WITH RAZOR.
Was a Survivor of the Battle of the Little Big Horn.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Ogalala Fire, a Sioux chief, 70 years old, is in a hospital here, expected to die from a self-inflicted wound. He was a survivor of the battle of the Little Big Horn.

CHINESE EMPEROR SAT ON THE THRONE AT New Year's Reception Given for Chinese Officials.

Peking, Jan. 2.—Yuan Shi Kai, president of China, who has accepted the proffer of an emperor's crown upon "request" of various elements in the nation, entered the palace in the imperial robes today, and was proclaimed as "His Imperial Majesty" as the New Year's day reception given for Chinese officials. He is already addressed as emperor by the Chinese, although the formal coronation ceremony has not taken place.

Found Starving in Gulf of Mexico

TWO MEN, TWO WOMEN AND THREE CHILDREN

NEAR YUCATAN COAST

Had Been Without Food, Other Than a Few Small Fish, for Fifteen Days—Eight of Party Died.

New York, Jan. 2.—Two men, two women and three children, who had been without food other than a few small fish for fifteen days, and the body of a woman, the victim of a hunger strike, were found floating in the Gulf of Mexico, on Dec. 28, by officers of the steamship Mexico, which arrived here today. The occupants of the lifeboats, according to the ship's officers, had been visited by a supply ship for more than four months.

LONDON PAPERS DENOUNCE SINKING OF THE PERSIA.
Actions of Central Powers Are Inconsistent With Pleasings.

London, Jan. 2.—The London Morning papers in editorials on the sinking of the steamship Persia denounce the action of the central powers, and ask whether the cup of Teutonic enormity, as far as America is concerned, is yet full. The Post says: "The sinking of the Persia is a matter for which the central powers are responsible, and it is a matter for which they are responsible."

KING CONSTANTINE'S WOUND HAS NOT HEALED.
Physicians Have Been Recalled to Examine the Wound.

London, Jan. 2, 10.55 a. m.—A Reuter despatch from Athens, filed on Friday, says that Prof. Friedrich Kraus, of Berlin, who attended King Constantine during his illness last spring, have returned to Athens to examine the wound left by the bullet which struck the king's head on June 11, 1914. The wound, which has not healed, is giving the king some trouble, although his general condition is good.

MAYOR OF WALTHAM MISSING SINCE THURSDAY.
Fears That He Has Wandered Into Woods While Delirious.

Waltham, Mass., Jan. 2.—The absence since last Thursday of Mayor Joseph Rucker Lamar, who was taken part tomorrow in the inauguration of his successor, Eben J. Williams, led the police to begin a search for him. Mayor Lamar was attacked with the grip on Tuesday and on Thursday when he corresponded at home, he had a high fever. His condition was such that he has failed to disclose the presence of the missing man, and his disappearance has been a matter of mystery to the woods in a period of delirium due to his illness and was exposed to severe weather of the past few days.

OBITUARY.
Joseph Rucker Lamar.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Joseph Rucker Lamar, associate justice of the supreme court, died at his home here tonight, after an illness of several months. He was 68 years old and had been on the supreme bench for five years.

LETTER CARRIERS WANT TO WEAR AMERICAN FLAG.
On the Left Lapel of Uniform—Have Petitioned Authorities.

New York, Jan. 2.—The privilege of wearing a tiny American flag on the left lapel of each letter carrier's uniform, which was granted by the post office at the annual meeting tonight of the New York Letter Carriers' association.

GUESTS IN NIGHT CLOTHES FLED FROM WORCESTER HOTEL.
Seven Were Carried Down Ladders by Firemen—All Escaped.

Worcester, Mass., Jan. 2.—Forty guests, most of them in the theatrical costumes, fled from the Worcester Hotel tonight, after a fire broke out in a rooming house early today during a fire in the Putnam and Thurston company's hotel. Seven guests were carried down ladders by firemen. Many jumped from fifth story windows. The fire started in a rooming block adjoining. All escaped without injury. The fire, which started in an unknown manner, did \$20,000 damage.

NORWEGIAN DELEGATES JOIN PEACE PARTY.
Mayor Lindhagen of Stockholm Has Returned from Copenhagen.

London, Jan. 2, 6.55 p. m.—A Reuter despatch from Copenhagen says that Mayor Lindhagen of Stockholm, arrived at Copenhagen last week to join the peace expedition, returned to Stockholm today. The Norwegian delegates have joined the peace party.

U. S. Consul on Torpedoed Persia

ROBERT N. MCNEELY BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN DROWNED

SANK IN FIVE MINUTES

Unofficial Despatches From Cairo Say That the Steamship Was Torpedoed Without Warning.

London, Jan. 2.—Unofficial despatches from Cairo, Egypt, say that the steamship Persia, sunk in the Mediterranean on Thursday, was torpedoed without warning and sank in five minutes. Between 150 and 160 survivors have been landed at Alexandria, Egypt. Robert N. McNeely, American consul at Aden, Arabia, is believed to have been drowned.

Details Come in Slowly.
Details of the sinking came in slowly today, but such information as was received made it appear that the number of persons who escaped in the four boats which were put off was larger than was first reported.

The Peninsula and Oriental company, which owned the Persia, announced that 153 survivors had arrived at Alexandria. The company despatch gives the number as 153, made up of 58 passengers, of whom 17 are British subjects.

Was Struck Amidships.
The ship was struck amidships on the port side at 1.10 p. m., says Reuter's correspondent at Cairo. "She disappeared completely by 1.15 p. m."

The Captain Was Drowned.
The captain was drowned. When last seen, he was swimming, after the liner had plunged beneath the surface with the ship.

Both the Peninsula and Oriental company and Reuter's Cairo correspondent say that Mr. Grant has been landed at Alexandria. The steamship company this afternoon had received no news of Mr. McNeely's fate.

AN ACCOUNT OF THE UPSURISING IN TRIPOLI.
When Sultan of Turkey Proclaimed a Holy War All Tripolitans Arose.

Berlin, Jan. 2 (by wireless to Sayville, N. Y.).—An account of the uprising in Tripoli, which was reported by the press at Tripoli, and the expulsion of the Italians from the entire vilayet, was given out by the Overseas News agency. The information was furnished by Suleiman-el-Baruni, who was deputy from Tripoli in the Turkish parliament. He said that the uprising was a holy war against the Italians in the war.

"Suleiman-el-Baruni has arrived at Sarajevo, Bosnia, after a journey through northern Africa," says the news agency. "He states that when he was in Tripoli, he saw a holy war all the Tripolitans arose. They surprised the Italians at Lake Volcano and defeated them, capturing an enormous quantity of money, cannon, rifles and ammunition. Later they defeated the Italians at Ghadamah."

The head of the new bureau is Lamont Worthing Evans, M. P. for Colchester, vice chairman of the National Unionist association.

PRESIDENT AND WIFE PREPARING TO RETURN TO A LONG WALK AND AN AUTOMOBILE RIDE YESTERDAY.

Hot Springs, Va., Jan. 2.—Despatches received from President Wilson from the state department today are said to have included a report of the torpedoing of the steamship Persia. No comment on the news was given out.

The president and his wife are preparing to return to Washington tomorrow by the Union Street Railway company of New Bedford. The Wilsons spent two hours replying to New Year's greetings.

BRITISH RAILWAY CLERKS OPPOSE COMPULSORY SERVICE.
Send Delegates to Labor Conference to Be Held Thursday.

London, Jan. 2, 6.55 p. m.—Although reaffirming the principle of strong opposition to any form of compulsory military service, the executive committee of the railway clerks' association decided today to give a free hand to its delegates to the labor conference to be held tomorrow, at which the cabinet's decision in regard to conscription will be considered. The committee decided on this attitude in view of the very exceptional circumstances of the hour.

Condensed Telegrams

Accidents killed 32 persons in Connecticut last week.

The celebration of New Year's Eve in Berlin was quiet.

Tacoma, Wash., was rocked by three violent earthquakes.

Three men were asphyxiated in the Kane Pa., lockup by escaping sewer gas.

A heavy earthquake was being recorded on the seismographs of Georgetown University.

Dr. Joseph J. O'Connell, health officer of the port of New York, died at the quarantine station.

The Mohr murder case will probably go to trial in the superior court at Providence on Monday, Jan. 10.

Al Ringland, 65, one of the oldest of the Ringland brothers, circus owners, died of Bright's disease at Barraboo, Wis.

A decree establishing a minimum wage for 10,000 female employees in the retail stores of Massachusetts went into effect.

General Alvarez Obregon, military commander of the state of Mexico, formally entered Juarez at noon Friday.

New Year's Day in the National Capital was unusually quiet with President Wilson away and Congress in holiday recess.

The New Bedford Loomfixers have demanded of the manufacturers of that city an increase in wages of not less than ten per cent.

The Lawrence Burling and Sewing Co. of Methuen, Mass., announced ten per cent. increase in the wages of its 100 employees, effective January 3.

The dividends paid by the New Bedford cotton mills in 1915 on \$39,750,000 capital amounted to \$1,112,300, an average rate of 7.33 per cent.

Congratulations cabled by the chief executives of Latin-American republics were read by the delegates to the Pan-American Scientific Congress.

News was received at Madrid of the loss of the Scilly Islands of the Spanish Miguel Benure in a storm. There were 42 members of the crew.

Two more negroes were killed and four negro labor buildings burned in the western section of Early county, Ga., in clashes between whites and negroes.

The 600 employees of Smith & Wesson manufacturing plant at Springfield, Mass., are preparing to strike. The employees of the Van Norman Tool company started work on an eight-hour schedule.

Emperor William has conferred the Red Cross Medal of the first class on Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, for his merit in attending wounded and sick soldiers.

The White Star liner Baltic arrived at New York from Liverpool bringing 7,000,000 pounds (\$35,000,000) in specie consigned to the U. S. Treasury from England.

Bills discounted and bought by federal reserve banks during the past week increased about \$1,000,000 over the previous week according to the weekly statement today.

The British liner Persia was sunk Thursday night and the passengers and crew were lost. Robert McNeely, American consul at Aden, was a passenger on the Persia.

Chinese troops have rescued the missionaries at the Scandinavian alpine mission at Tachibolung, Mongolia. Recent advances were made that the mission was surrounded by bandits.

A dress suit case containing five sticks of dynamite connected with a partially burned fuse was found at the door of the office of the sergeant in chief of the Massachusetts state house.

President Poincare of France and the Kings of Belgium, Italy and Serbia have exchanged telegrams of New Year's greetings, expressing unshaken confidence in the final triumph of the entente allies.

The Austro-Germans have completed their occupation of Serbia by the appointment of Count Salisiewicz, commander of the Austrian troops at Vienna, as Governor general of the conquered country.

David Thomas known as "the British Coal King" has been raised to the peerage by the title of Baron of the organization in the United States and Canada of facilities for obtaining war munitions.

Various new year messages written by rulers, statesmen and soldiers of the belligerent powers have been established in neutral countries from trading in Great Britain.

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HENRY FORD ARRIVES IN NEW YORK

Confirmed Cable Reports That His Return Was Hastened by Illness

Views Have Undergone a Marked Change

Believes It is the People Themselves Who Are Responsible for the War—Expresses Confidence in the Ultimate Success of Peace Mission—Mr. Ford's Future Plans Respect to the Peace Expedition Are Uncertain—Again Go to Europe if Necessary and Will Another Ship—Is Opposed to War Preparedness

New York, Jan. 2.—Henry Ford, who led the peace expedition which left here December 4 on the steamship Oscar II. for Copenhagen, in the hope of bringing about a conference of neutral nations, that would end the war, arrived here today on the steamship Henry Ford. He confirmed cable reports that his return had been hastened by illness, but said it made a difference of only few days, as he intended when he left to come back this month.

Marked Change in Views.
Mr. Ford declared his views regarding the cause of the war have undergone a marked change. When he left, he said, he thought that bankers and manufacturers of munitions and armament were responsible, but he returns with the belief that it is the people themselves, those now being slaughtered, are responsible. The men doing the fighting have been too content to let those who rule them do their thinking and they have not taken advantage of their divine right to say or think, the pacifist asserted.

"Republics No Better Than Monarchies."
"Republics are no better than monarchies in this respect," he said. "Even in the United States we let those who rule us do as they please. I have voted 31 years and in all that time I have voted only six times, and then because my wife made me."

Confident of Eventual Success.
Of the eventual success of the mission, Mr. Ford declared he had no doubt. "The movement is now organized and under way. People are talking about it and while some criticize it, they are not doing it. They are waiting to see what they think right."

Future Plans Uncertain.
Mr. Ford's future plans with respect to the peace expedition were uncertain. He said that he was not sure if he would go to Europe again, and a greater merchant marine, we shall all have a better chance."

Taken Off by Customs Cutter.
At the request of Secretary McAdams, Collector of the Port of New York, Mr. Ford was taken off the ship by a customs cutter. He had been taken off the ship by a customs cutter, and he had been taken off the ship by a customs cutter.

Main Idea of the Mission.
"The main idea of the mission," continued Mr. Ford, "was to crystallize the ideas of the people, and to bring about a conference of neutral nations, that would end the war, and to bring about a conference of neutral nations, that would end the war, and to bring about a conference of neutral nations, that would end the war."

MOMENTOUS LEGISLATION CONFRONTING CONGRESS.
Administration Leaders Will Find It Difficult to Prevent Speech Making.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Congress reconvenes Tuesday to begin serious consideration of momentous legislation confronting it. Before the holiday recess little was accomplished beyond organization and extension of the emergency war revenue law.

During the preliminary two weeks there were assurances of every kind that foreign relations incident to the European war and the subject of preparedness would be kept out of the session, fraught with far-reaching possibilities.

Important international events since the recess have served to make indications stronger than ever that the legislative branch will seek at all available information in possession of the government relating to foreign complications. Administration leaders probably will find it difficult to prevent speech-making immediately after congress reconvenes regarding the situation of the steamship Persia, which an American consular official is believed to have perished.

The senate committee on foreign relations will take up the subject in actual consideration of international affairs. Pending before the committee now is the resolution by Senator Hoke Smith, urging investigation into British interference with neutral shipping and the Lodge amendment directing that investigation also be made into the law of the facts concerning destruction of the Lusitania, other attacks on vessels imperiling American lives and the conspiracy against neutrality within our borders to which President Wilson referred in his annual address to congress.

MINNESOTA HONORS ITS DEAD GOVERNOR.
Bodies of Winfield Scott Hammond Is Viewed by Many Constituents.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 2.—For twelve hours today the body of Governor Winfield Scott Hammond, who died last Thursday in Clinton, La., lay in state at the capital here. While a military guard watched over the flower-laden casket a continuous stream of people passed before it, paying silent homage to the late executive.

Tomorrow the body will be taken aboard a train for St. James, Minn., where it will be buried. The funeral will be held at St. James, Minn., and the body will be taken aboard a train for St. James, Minn., where it will be buried.

\$250,000 Fire at Riverside, N. J.
Riverside, N. J., Jan. 2.—Fire partly destroyed the plant of the William F. Laubel Hooley mills here today, causing a loss estimated at \$250,000. Members of the fire department are investigating the cause of the blaze which was of incendiary origin and started to investigate.

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